

RUSHING THE WORK

Interesting and Important Business Before Congress.

EFFORT TO TAKE UP THE DINGLEY BILL

Three Cuban Resolutions Offered in the Senate—Immigration Bill the Subject Under Discussion This Afternoon.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The immigration bill, consideration of which as unfinished business was interrupted by adjournment yesterday afternoon, is the immediate matter before the senate this afternoon, and Senators Lodge and Chandler will make a determined effort to have the measure debated. The session yesterday was attended by several interesting and important incidents. A joint resolution to continue the powers of the joint committee on the removal of taxes on alcohol used in manufacture and arts was reported and passed. The committee on interstate commerce was instructed to institute an inquiry as to the prevention of business competition by the joint traffic association of railroads, the flour millers, and the window glass manufacturers. The independence of Cuba was the subject of three joint resolutions introduced by Senators Cameron, Mills, and Call. The first acknowledges the independence of the island and directs the friendly offices of the United States government with Spain to bring the war to a close. The second directs the president of the United States to seize the island with the military and naval forces of the United States and to hold possession until the Cuban people can organize a government. And the third recognizes the republic of Cuba as a free and independent government and extends to it all rights in the ports and within the jurisdiction of the United States. The first two were referred to the committee on foreign relations and the last was laid on the table temporarily until such time as Mr. Call may desire to address the senate on the subject. Something of a political sensation was produced by a motion made by the populist senator from Nebraska, Mr. Allen, to take up the Dingley bill for action, so as, he said, to preclude the necessity of an extra session. At first objection was made by Mr. Aldrich, but after a few minutes' reflection Mr. Aldrich withdrew the objection, which was thereupon renewed by Mr. Palmer. The motion, however, was carried by a Yeas and nays vote—25 to 21. A very interesting colloquy followed, but the matter then went over without further action, but may be taken up at any time that a similar motion is made by any other senator.

Many matters of importance are occupying the attention of the house of representatives to-day, and if the spirit of labor which characterized the proceedings yesterday is maintained, several bills may be passed and senate amendments agreed to. Yesterday nine bills were considered and two conference reports agreed to, in addition to some other business. Such industry at the opening of a session, even a short one, is unprecedented in the annals of congress. A senate bill was passed authorizing associations of farmers and stock raisers to locate and purchase public lands for reservoir sites irrespective of the homestead or pre-emption acts. Senate amendments to the house bill affirming the acts of the New Mexico legislature authorizing the issue of about \$700,000 of bonds for territorial buildings were concurred in, with an amendment. The senate amendment validated \$172,400 of railroad bonds issued by the county of Santa Fe and at the last session an obstinate fight was made against this amendment. The senate's increase of the pension granted to Mrs. Mary Gould Carr, widow of Gen. J. B. Carr, formerly secretary of state of New York, from \$50 to \$75 a month, was agreed to by a vote of 146 to 29. The usual resolution distributing the topics of the president's message to the appropriate committees was reported from the ways and means committee and agreed to.

"The Tub, Albany, N. Y."

Albany, Dec. 10.—"The Tub, Albany, N. Y.," is the queer name of a club which was incorporated yesterday with the secretary of state to promote among its members sociability, the development of a spirit of patriotism, intellectual improvement and health by athletic exercise. The directors are: Garrett J. Benson, sergeant-at-arms of the state senate; state historian Hugh Hastings, assemblyman S. Fred Nixon, George W. Blake and William H. Burn.

Col. Fellows' Successor.

Albany, Dec. 10.—Governor Morton has given no consideration to the appointment of a successor to the late District Attorney Fellows of New York city. It is not expected the governor will take any action in the matter until next week.

Carr Lumber Company Dissolved.

Buffalo, Dec. 10.—The Carr Lumber company has been voluntarily dissolved and a receiver appointed.

BANDITS BAFFLED.

Held Up a Western Train, But Could Not Open the Safe.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—Passenger train No. 65, southbound on the Iron Mountain railroad, was boarded at Vandeventer avenue in this city at 9 o'clock last night by six train robbers. Two held up the conductor and brakeman, two covered the engineer and fireman and two others operated on the express car. Those on the locomotive stopped the train at the Bates street crossing and the door of the express car was opened by dynamite. The express messenger was forced to give up the keys, but the through safe, containing the money packages, was locked with a time lock and combination. The robbers got nothing, and at a signal they left the train, firing their guns to prevent pursuit, and fled in the darkness. The vicinity was soon surrounded by police, and a number of arrests were made.

TALMAGE NOT TO WED.

He Denies the Rumor and Says That He Is Sorry To Spoil a Good Story.

New York, Dec. 10.—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, who is stopping at a hotel in this city, denied the report of his engagement to Miss Mangin of Sing Sing. When asked how he imagined the story got about, he said: "Well, sometimes folks do a lot of guessing. Every now and then they guess right, and then they guess wrong. I am sorry I can't give you other information, for I have had a little experience in newspaper work, and I know what a good story you might have written." Miss Mangin is about 30 years of age and her brother married one of Dr. Talmage's daughters. As the reported union would have made her the stepmother of her own brother, there was a great deal of interest attached to the report. The engagement it was said last night had been more than half way admitted by the young woman's friends, so Dr. Talmage's denial of its truth came rather as a surprise.

Editor McClure Dined.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Col. Alexander K. McClure, the veteran editor of the Philadelphia Times, yesterday rounded out fifty years of journalism and his friends last night commemorated the golden anniversary of his editorial work by tendering him a dinner at the hotel Walton. About 300 guests were present. Pleasant and complimentary letters and telegrams of regret were read from President-elect McKinley, Secretary Herbert, William J. Bryan, Vice-President-elect Hobart and many others. Governor Hastings presided.

Col. W. B. McCreery Dead.

Fruit, Mich., Dec. 10.—Col. W. B. McCreery, one of the most prominent citizens of Fruit, died last evening. He was born in New York in 1837. He was collector of internal revenue under President Grant. In 1875 he was elected state treasurer, serving two terms, and was a member of the state board of agriculture for seven years. He was mayor of this city for two years and United States consul to Valparaiso, Chile, for two years.

Great Land Suit Settled.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 10.—Special Circuit Judge Smith has decided a suit involving 20,000 acres of timber and mineral lands in Bell county. The case was that of Edward Grimes and wife of New York vs. the American Association, limited, an English corporation, and involved the title to the property. The court decided that the plaintiffs were entitled to all but a few patents. The property is valued at about \$1,500,000.

Official Trial of the Gresham.

Washington, Dec. 10.—At the contractors' trial of the new revenue cutter Gresham, which will be stationed at Milwaukee, held at Cleveland the maximum speed developed was seventeen knots. This is a knot better than was expected. Engineer-in-Chief Collins of the revenue cutter service wired that the official trial would be held tomorrow.

Searching for Escaped Prisoners.

Ratavia, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The sheriff and deputies are still scouring the country in an effort to capture Charles Melvin and Thomas Riley, confined in the county jail here for larceny, who saved through the window grating of the jail Wednesday. There is no clue to where they procured the saw with which the bars were cut.

Hanged Himself in His Stable.

Pittsburg, Dec. 10.—Nicholas Hartman, 64 years old, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself with a clothes line to a joist in his stable. His body was found by his son. Hartman had become despondent over recent business reverses. He was engaged in the dairy business.

Archbishop Fabre Sinking Rapidly.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Archbishop Fabre is sinking rapidly, and it is not expected that he can survive the day. Cardinal Rampolla, papal secretary of state, has cabled the pope's benediction to the dying archbishop.

Not Guilty of Bribery.

Columbus, O., Dec. 10.—The jury in the trial of ex-state senator W. C. Gear for bribery returned a verdict of not guilty.

FITZ WAS SOLD OUT

Sensational Testimony in the Notorious Prize Fight Case.

SAN FRANCISCO SPORTS EXCITED

"Australian" Billy Smith Exposes on the Stand the Scheme Whereby the Cornishman Was Robbed—His Testimony Denounced as Perjury.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—A large assemblage of ring followers and men-about-town crowded Judge Sanderson's courtroom in expectation of hearing sensational developments regarding the manner in which the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey prize fight was "fixed," and they were not disappointed. If credence is to be placed in the story told on the witness stand by "Australian" Billy Smith, Sharkey's trainer, Fitzsimmons was a defeated man before he left New York. According to Smith's testimony, J. J. Groom, J. H. Gibbs, Danny Lynch, Sharkey's manager, and Sharkey himself were the men who composed the National Athletic club, before which body the now notorious contest was fought. These four men, Smith swears, engaged Wyatt Earp as referee, with the understanding that he was to award Sharkey the fight directly Fitzsimmons landed a body blow or stomach punch which might be stretched into a foul. Earp was to receive \$2,500 for his services. He declared that Sharkey was not injured, except by a blow on the cheek and ear. On cross-examination he stuck to his story and could not be shaken. Lynch, Groom and Gibbs denounce Smith's testimony as rank perjury. The disclosure has created a tremendous sensation among the sporting fraternity.

MISS UHL'S MARRIAGE.

Daughter of the Ambassador to Germany Wedded in Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The marriage of Miss Lucy Follett Uhl to Guy Vangorder Thompson of Yale university, was celebrated at the official residence of the bride's father, yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was a strictly private function. The maid of honor was Miss Alice Edwina Uhl, sister of the bride. The salon was handsomely decorated with flowers, ferns and palms, and Yale flags in flowers.

Suit Brought Against Urbana, O.

Hartford, Dec. 10.—The Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance company of this city has brought suit against the city of Urbana, O., to recover \$50,000 damages. The company holds \$25,000 of the city's 6 per cent. bonds upon which the city refuses to pay but 4 per cent. interest, which the holders refuse to accept. There are \$90,000 worth of the bonds held in this city and \$250,000 in New England.

Complain of Unjust Taxation.

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 10.—Wm. T. Rodenbach, treasurer of the Goodyear Metallic Rubber Shoe company of Naugatuck, which is a member of the rubber trust, stated in an interview last evening that the company is seriously considering removal from Naugatuck to some other place unless relief is obtained from what it deems unjust and excessive local taxation.

Convention of Miners and Operators.

Pittsburg, Dec. 10.—The first session of the joint convention of miners and operators in the Pittsburg district was devoted to preliminary work, and but little progress toward fixing a wage scale can be made before this evening. There was a long discussion on pick machine mining. A sentiment is abroad that there will be no settlement at this convention.

An Alleged Embezzler Wanted.

Boston, Dec. 10.—The police have sent out circulars giving a description of Harold B. Gray, formerly of Hyde Park, and then employed by the American Wringer company, who is said to have embezzled \$25,000 from that company. He has been missing since last July.

Washed Overboard and Drowned.

London, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Sonabaya says the British bark Falls of Garry, from New York, which has arrived there, experienced heavy weather on the voyage, and that during a storm three seamen were washed overboard and drowned.

Secretary Roosevelt Coming.

London, Dec. 10.—J. R. Roosevelt, first secretary of the United States embassy, who has been suffering for several weeks from nervous prostration, but whose condition has somewhat improved, will sail for New York on the steamer Germanic to-day.

British Ship Wrecked.

London, Dec. 10.—The British ship British Peer, London for Cape Town, has been wrecked near Saldanha bay, South Africa. Four of her crew were saved, but fourteen are missing.

New Chicago Daily.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The Chicago dispatch announces that after the first of the coming year a morning edition will be issued to be known as the Chicago Morning Dispatch.

MORE CABINET GOSSIP

Several New Names Mentioned for McKinley's Official Family.

WISCONSIN'S BOOM FOR PAYNE

Mark Hanna Confers With the Republican Steering Committee in Washington—Meeting of Gold Democrats in Indianapolis This Afternoon.

Canton, O., Dec. 10.—The Wisconsin friends of Mr. Payne of that state are urging his claims to a position in the cabinet, and a delegation of prominent politicians yesterday afternoon called upon Maj. McKinley with that end in view. Friends of Powell Clayton of Arkansas are putting forward the suggestion that he would be an available man for postmaster-general or secretary of war. Col. Otis of California is urging the claims of the Pacific slope to recognition and mentions Judge Wayne of San Francisco, Elwood Cooper of Santa Barbara, and Judge Dehaven of San Francisco. Mrs. McKinley, accompanied by her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette MacWilliams of Chicago, will leave here to-night to spend several days in Chicago at the MacWilliams residence. Maj. McKinley will remain in Canton.

NOT A CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR

Ex-President Harrison Says He Can Do More Good in Private Life.

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—A local paper contains an article to the effect that General Harrison had written a letter to one of his friends declaring that he would not accept the senatorship and was for Fairbanks for senator. When asked if this were true, General Harrison replied: "No, it is not true. I have written no such letter. But to every one who has spoken to me I have, from the time of the first mention of the subject, freely said not only that I was not a candidate, but that I did not want and could not accept the senatorship. To remain in private life is my desire and purpose. This purpose is not wholly selfish, for to those friends who have urged their too friendly views that I could serve the country usefully, in public office, I have answered that I can render better service out of office; that what I may say or write on public questions as a private citizen will gain more confidence. I shall also keep out of the contest as a meddler. My only interest is that of a citizen proud of his state, and the only advice I have to give is that the legislature shall choose a man who will in the highest duties of office, dignify the state and honor the country."

NATIONAL GOLD DEMOCRATS.

Meeting of the Executive Committee at Indianapolis This Afternoon.

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—Late this afternoon chairman W. D. Bynum will call the national executive committee of the national sound money democratic party to order. The members of the committee are W. B. Haldeman, Kentucky; George Foster Peabody, New York; L. C. Krawthoff, Missouri; P. W. M. Cuthbert, Minnesota; P. P. Hopkins, Illinois; J. C. Bullitt, Pennsylvania; C. V. Holman, Maine; J. B. Falkner, Alabama; M. B. Spelman, Louisiana. The committee will discuss the future of the gold standard democracy. It is quite probable that permanent headquarters will be established in this city by the gold standard men, from which literature will be sent out with the end in view of sustaining the organization and the battle against free silver. Col. Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, will attend the meeting of the executive committee. This evening an informal banquet will be given at the Bates house in his honor, when it is expected that he will express his political views as to the past, present and future.

MR. HANNA'S MOVEMENTS.

Holds a Conference With the Republican Steering Committee.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Last evening at the capital the republican senatorial steering committee and Mark Hanna held a conference that lasted upwards of two hours. The situation in the states of North Carolina, South Dakota, Kentucky and Washington, with respect to the election of United States senators, was discussed and it was decided that every honorable method should be employed to elect senators there, if possible. The possibility of passing the Dingley bill was also considered. While the republicans will vote to take that measure up whenever such a motion is made, the committee sees that the bill cannot possibly secure the requisite votes. It was also the judgment of the committee that an extra session of congress should be called at as early a day as possible after the inauguration of Mr. McKinley.

To Uge the Passage of the Dingley Bill.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The delegation of fifty members of the Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia, who arrived here last night to urge upon the senate the passage of the Dingley bill, will visit the capitol this afternoon in pursuance of their object.

WANT \$100 PER DAY.

Supt. Lathrop's Counsel Present a Bill for \$22,500.

Albany, Dec. 10.—Senator Edgar T. Brackett and Judge Houghton of Saratoga, who were counsel for Gen. Austin Lathrop, the superintendent of state prisons during the investigation of the charges against the state prison management, had a consultation with State Comptroller Roberts yesterday regarding the compensation they should be paid for their services. They had a bill ready for presentation to the comptroller which called for the payment of \$12,500 to Senator Brackett and \$10,000 to Judge Houghton. Another item called for several hundred dollars for expenses such as printing, etc., bringing the total to over \$23,000. The state comptroller told Senator Brackett to get Supt. Lathrop's approval to the bill and stated that after it was filed in the comptroller's office he would audit it at an amount that would be just to the state as well as to the attorneys. Senator Brackett, in speaking of his services during the investigation, said that he had spent 125 days and that Judge Houghton had spent 100 days and that they had estimated their services to be worth \$100 per day.

CURSED THE JUDGE.

Convict Long Sentenced to an Extra Five Years in Prison.

Hartford, Dec. 10.—Charles Long, the convict who attempted to kill Deputy Warden Baisden at the state prison on Nov. 27, created a sensation in the superior court yesterday afternoon. After Deputy Baisden and a number of other witnesses had testified as to the attack by Long, he was asked what he had to say. He claimed that he was crazed with ill-health when he made the attempt on Baisden's life. Judge Wheeler sentenced him to five years in the state prison to begin at the expiration of his present sentence of ten years. Then Long opened a tirade against the judge and the witnesses. He cursed the judge, vowed vengeance, and said he would get even with them.

To Procure Sufficient Revenue

New York, Dec. 10.—At the meeting of the board of trade and transportation yesterday afternoon the executive committee submitted a substitute for the resolution offered by F. B. Thurber at the last meeting urging the United States senate to pass the Dingley tariff bill. It read as follows: "That speedy legislation should be enacted to procure sufficient revenue for the government, without lengthy tariff debate, which would keep the business interests of the country in an unsettled condition when they need rest." After some discussion the substitute was adopted.

Huyek-Ritchie Nuptials.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 10.—In the Regent street Baptist church last evening was solemnized the marriage of Annie, daughter of ex-Postmaster and Mrs. D. F. Ritchie of this village to John Niles Huyek of Albany. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. T. Hiscox, pastor of the church. The bride was attended by Florence K. Ritchie, and the bridesmaids were Elizabeth Moore Huyek of Albany and Miss Agnes Ritchie of Saratoga. Frank C. Huyek of Albany was best man.

Coal in Newfoundland.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 10.—A large deposit of coal has been discovered at Codroy on the west coast of the island close to the seashore and only twenty miles from Cape Ray, the terminus of the new railway. The product of the new mine can be carried to Cape Ray and a rail depot established at that place enabling ocean steamers bound to and from Montreal to coal there instead of at Sydney, avoiding deviation ninety miles from the regular course.

Norfolk & Western Earnings.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—The net earnings of the Norfolk & Western Railroad company for September, 1896, were \$87,282, a decrease of \$71,006, compared with September, 1895. For the nine months ended September 30 the net earnings were \$1,609,414, an increase of \$108,445 compared with the corresponding period of 1895.

Death of James J. Chapman.

Hartford, Dec. 10.—James J. Chapman, formerly cashier of the Farmers and Mechanics National bank of this city, died at Chicago yesterday. About ten years ago he served a term in the state prison with President Tracy of the bank for perjury in making false returns of the bank's condition to the comptroller of the currency.

Refuses a General Bond.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Assistant Secretary Hamlin of the treasury department has refused to accept a general bond for all goods imported by an importer when stored in his private bonded warehouse, in place of the special bond now required for each entry of imported merchandise.

Killed at Sea.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 10.—H. Langham, mate of the steamship William Cliffe, was killed at sea Dec. 4. A log broke loose in the hold, which the mate was trying to secure, when it rolled over him, crushing him so badly that he died the next day and was buried at sea.

AS VIEWED ABROAD

Opinions of Statesmen Regarding Our Relations with Cuba.

CRISPI SEES TROUBLE FOR EUROPE

Sir Charles Dilke Says Our Intervention Would Be No Precedent—Senator Silveira Looks for No Action on Our Part.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The Gaulois, having addressed queries to a number of prominent statesmen regarding the relations between the United States and Cuba, has received replies from several of its correspondents, which it will print to-day. Signor Crispi, ex-prime minister of Italy, in his reply says the subject is too wide to be properly discussed in a letter, and that its full consideration would require a volume. Signor Crispi concludes by asserting that the American people are trying to prepare a future which will not be an agreeable one for the peoples of the old world, and expresses surprise that European statesmen should remain indifferent upon the subject. Sir Charles Dilke, member of the English house of commons, says, in his response, that the intervention of the United States government in Cuba would not be a precedent, and cites the cases of the French in Mexico and the British in Venezuela. Senator Silveira, the leader of the Spanish dissident conservatives, in his answer to the Gaulois, says that he is convinced that the United States will not intervene in Cuban affairs and that no such action is contemplated in the present policy of the American government.

SPANIARDS STILL REJOICE.

Confirmation of Report of Maceo's Death Causes Glee in Havana.

Havana, Dec. 10.—A correspondent at Artemisa reports that Gen. Weyler, with his troops, passed through San Cristobal on the 7th, marching along the highway towards Candelaria. It is still unknown, the correspondent adds, whether or not the captain-general has encountered any body of the insurgents. The Havana newspapers at first printed articles upon the alleged death of Maceo, and all of them express joy over the report of his demise. They also publish more detailed accounts of the finding of the bodies alleged to be those of Maceo and young Gomez, tending to verify the reports of their death. It is reported that a band of rebels have attacked Arroyo Maranja, near Havana, setting fire to many houses in the town. After sharp fighting the insurgents were repulsed. Five of the soldiers forming the garrison of the town were wounded and one woman was killed. The rebels, it is said, lost heavily, but carried their dead and wounded away with them. Jacinto Collado Rodriguez was shot yesterday at Matanzas for the crime of rebellion. Twenty-five hundred more soldiers for the army have arrived from Spain. Captain General Weyler, in view of the scarcity of the supply of meat for the troops and the residents of the towns in the Pinar del Rio province caused by the difficulty of getting cattle for slaughter, issued a decree ordering the troops to assist the cattlemen to get their stock into the fields. The decree also prescribes rules for the payment to the owners of the value of their cattle. The press of Havana remain silent concerning the reference to Cuba contained in President Cleveland's message to congress. Official circles also maintain absolute reserve in regard to the subject.

Maceo's Reported Death Pleases Salisbury.

London, Dec. 10.—The Daily News to-day will say that Conde de Casa Valence, the Spanish ambassador in London, had not heard the report of the death of General Maceo in it he visited the foreign office yesterday afternoon, when Lord Salisbury congratulated him upon the news, which is confirmed from British sources.

New York Stock Exchange Holidays.

New York, Dec. 10.—The governing committee of the stock exchange has decided to close the exchange on the Saturday following Christmas, which falls on Friday. The exchange will be open on the Saturday following New Year's. Being the first business day of the new year it was deemed a day of too much importance to close the exchange.

Steamer Sunk by Hamburg Strikers.

Hamburg, Dec. 10.—The German steamer Kaiser, which recently arrived here from Port Natal and had been prepared for the accommodation of the men who had taken the places of some of the dockmen now out on strike, was sunk last night. The police authorities believe the sinking was the work of strikers.

Death of Col. McClellan.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Col. Oliver Eldredge McClellan, who is dead at his home in Germantown, a suburb of this city, at the age of 43, was formerly superintendent of the Middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, but had retired from the railroad business several years ago.

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If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

BEFORE THE SURROGATE.

What Has Been Going On in Surrogate Nowell's Court.

Report of proceedings before Surrogate O. P. Nowell, ending Dec. 7, 1896:

WILLS ADMITTED.

Last will and testament of Eliab Hawkins, late of the town of Mt. Hope, Joshua C. Hawkins, executor; of Charles Horton, late of the city of Middletown, Gordon B. Horton, executor; of John S. Hatch, late of the town of Wallkill, Nancy E. Hatch and John E. Hatch, executors.

The contest in the matter of the will of Beverly Kidd, late of the town of Montgomery, has been withdrawn.

Another hearing was held before the Surrogate, at his office in Goshen, on the 7th day of December, in the matter of contesting the last will and testament of Harrison Reed, late of the town of Mt. Hope. Testimony taken on the part of both contestant and proponent, and further hearing adjourned until Dec. 28, at the same place.

The next hearing in the matter of contesting the last two codicils to the will of Truman S. Tynes, late of the town of Mt. Hope, is set down before the Surrogate at his office in Port Jervis, on Dec. 9th, at 2 p. m.

ADMINISTRATION

The following letters of administration have been granted:

On the estate of John S. Shafer, late of the town of Montgomery, to Leslie C. Shafer, son; of John J. Weller, late of the town of Montgomery, to Mary E. Weller, widow; of Nancy J. Shay, late of the town of Lackawanna, Pa., who died leaving assets in the county of Orange, to Timothy Shay, son; of James S. Gregory, Jr., late of the town of Goshen, to James S. Gregory, father; of William H. Woodruff, late of the town of Crawford, to Antoinette A. Woodruff, widow, and Richard A. Woodruff, son.

GUARDIANSHIP

The following letters of guardianship have been issued:

On the person and property of Mabel S. Florence, to Matilda E. Florence, mother, both of the town of Wallkill; of Frank Raymond Crist, to Mary E. Lahey, mother, both of the city of Middletown; of Nellie M. Drake, to Wm. F. O'Neill, friend, both of the city of Middletown.

DECEASED

The following deaths have been entered:

In the matter of the judicial accounting of John I. Crist, general guardian of etc. of Frank Raymond Crist, a minor, residing at Middletown, of David C. Smith, administrator of etc. of Anna L. Smith, late of the town of Chester; of Martha E. Dillistin, administratrix of etc. of Isaac Dillistin, late of the town of Greenville; of Thomas A. March, administrator of etc. of Samuel Cowans, late of the city of Middletown.

Also in the matter of the distribution of the surplus moneys arising from the sale of the real property of Christopher Hagerty, late of the town of Minisk.

WURTSBORO.

Weddings in the Near Future—An Entertainment—Improvement—An Old Fashioned Skimming—A Branch Y. M. C. A.—Personal and Other Notes.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.

—Wurtsboro and Mount Prosper are to each have a wedding.

—Miss Grace V. Bonner gave an entertainment at the school building, Saturday evening consisting of ventriloquism, elocution and instrumental music. She had a large and well pleased audience.

—St. Joseph's Church will hold its annual fair shortly.

—H. R. Philcox has been making extensive repairs to his farm house and outbuildings at North Haven. Levi German did the work.

—Miss Nellie Fuller has been visiting Misses Anna and Lena Tice.

—Alphons Allen has moved in Geo. Romer's house on Kingston avenue and Ira Sarine to the house he vacated on Pine street.

—The Mount Prosper boys gave Geo. B. Shomon and bride an old fashioned skimming last Monday evening. Mr. S. called the boys on.

—Miss W. J. Christman and Miss Laura Wiseman are visiting in New York.

—The residents of the vicinity of Massena lake have combined to remove the saw against fishing through the ice on said lake for five years the lake being stocked with black bass.

—Miss Russ Helm, Jr., is on the sick list.

—A branch Y. M. C. A. has been organized here. Meetings will be held at the Union House, Friday evenings. All young men are earnestly invited to attend.

—The Postal Telegraph repairers have hired the "Mill property" house and will occupy it for a month or two.

—Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Reiner are visiting in New York.

—Rev. Mr. Zabriskie, of Pennsylvania, occupied the Reformed Church pulpit, Sunday.

—Elmer E. Smith shipped a carload of sheep skins last week.

—Miss Minnie Johnson, of Newburgh, is visiting her father, Richard Johnson.

—Fulton & Holmes have ten wood-choppers at work on the Avery place.

—Mrs. M. E. Stanton is improving.

—Ad Kniffin and Seymour Teets are chopping for Wm. Cunningham.

—John Olcott has assumed management of the Olcott House.

—Jacob Helm is building a new house for John Cunningham at Rock Hill.

—Isaac Dubois, of Wallkill, is visiting his son, J. S. Dubois.

—Benj. Adams has removed to the Jas. Burns farm at Haven.

Monthly Palms cured by Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

Hartford City Bonds.

Hartford, Dec. 10.—City Treasurer Strong late yesterday afternoon opened bids for the \$100,000 gold bonds of the city of Hartford, 3½ per cent., to run twenty-five years, registered, to redeem 6 per cent. bonds due January 1, 1897. There were twelve bidders, the highest being 103.219 of R. L. Day & Co., of Boston, who were awarded the bonds.

For Secretary of Agriculture.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 10.—L. H. Brigham of Ohio, master of the national grange, was endorsed for secretary of agriculture yesterday by the Illinois state grange.

Hawaiians Call Upon McKinley.

Canton, O., Dec. 10.—Henry E. Cooper, Hawaiian minister of foreign affairs, and his private secretary, Benjamin Lodge Marx of Honolulu, are at Canton, and had a conference with the president-elect late yesterday afternoon. Ex-Senator Sawyer of Wisconsin called upon Major McKinley yesterday afternoon.

A Menace to Navigation.

London, Dec. 10.—The British steamer Rialto, at Newcastle from New York, reports having passed a submerged wreck in mid-ocean. It is a menace to navigation.

Anti-Saloon League Officers.

Washington, Dec. 10.—At the evening session of the anti-saloon convention the following officers were elected: President, Hiram Price of Iowa; vice-presidents, Rev. Dr. L. B. Wilson of Washington, Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, Minn., and Rev. John J. Beaton of Pittsburgh.

Wesleyan Football Captain.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 10.—Archibald Young, '98, one of the celebrated twins from New Britain, has been elected captain of the Wesleyan football eleven for next year.

Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons.

Boston, Dec. 10.—The Masonic Grand Lodge of Massachusetts yesterday afternoon elected Charles C. Hutchinson of Lowell grand master.

As to Children and Dogs.

Washington Irving has often been accused of saying that little dogs and children were indubitable members of French society. It is quite true that in the United States I never noticed that close and sentimental intimacy between human beings and quadrupeds so frequently seen in France. American life is so active, so desperately crowded, either usefully or socially, that perhaps it does not permit the loss of time inevitably brought about by friendly intercourse with a dog. As for children I believe that their importance is equally great in all countries; but it asserts itself in a more noisy manner in America than anywhere else. Everything is sacrificed to them, for they represent the future, which is all that counts in a country whose past is very short, and whose present is a period of high-pressure development. Yet no one must suppose that, before presenting an apology for French children, I intend to malign American children, as certain travelers have taken the liberty of doing very thoughtlessly, although they had met them only on steamships, cars, or at hotels, enjoying a holiday with that buoyancy which is the characteristic mark of the whole race. I have known some who were very well brought up, even from our point of view, and among those who were not I have admired precocious sense, vivacity of mind, quiet determination and capacity for self-government, qualities which I should wish for all ours.—The Bentzon, in Century.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot weaker and quiet. Dec. 56½c; May, 55c.

Corn—Spot easy; old prices prevail. Dec. 29c; May, 31½c.

Oats—Trade firm, moderate demand. Dec. 23c; May, 25½c.

Lard—Market steady, but inactive. Prime western, \$4.10.

Eggs—Quiet, weak and unsettled. State and Pennsylvania fresh, 20½c; ice house, 19½c; western, fresh, 20½c; hmed, 15½c; southern, 19½c.

Butter—Receipts are quite heavy. Creamery western extras, 24½c; state and Pennsylvania, extras, 19½c; creamery, western seconds, 15c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fresh factory, 13c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fall made extras, 17½c; western imitation creamery, seconds to brats, 10½c; 14c; western factory, firsts to extras, 9½c to 10½c.

Cheese—Quiet and firm. State, full cream, large size, fall made, colored, 10½c; large, common to choice, part skims, 3½c to 5½c.

Potatoes—Steady, moderate demand. Long Island, in bulk, per barrel, \$1.25 to 1.37; New Jersey, round, choice, per barrel, \$1.00 to 1.12.

The True Remedy.

W. M. Reppin, editor Tiskilwa, Ill., "Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

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SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

It Was Much Better Because "Nobody Got Mad."

Here is a story of a railroad claim agent—a gentleman who goes about the country settling with farmers who have had horses and cows killed by the cars, says the Danville (Ky.) Advocate. A farmer who lives near Junction City had a horse killed by a freight-train. The affair was reported to the company and the company sent the gentleman aforesaid out to see what sort of a settlement he could effect with the owner of the animal. The farmer wanted something like \$40 for his property, and the agent wanted to allow him \$22.50. They wrangled for quite a while until bad blood was aroused and harsh words began to pass between the agent and the farmer. One word brought on another, the lie was passed and open hostilities commenced. The warring men clinched and went down. Now it so happened that the agent was much the larger man of the two, and he got the farmer between him and Mother Earth, and held him secure. After he had pounded the fallen foe until he had gotten satisfaction for all personal insults he let up for a moment and asked: "Now, you old fool, will you take \$22.50 for your claim?"

"I guess so," doggedly replied the farmer, after considerable squirming and hesitation.

"All right," said the agent; "I will pay you right away. It's much better to settle these things out of court. You save all the costs and nobody gets mad."

OBSERVING THE PROPRIETIES.

A Long But Successful Search for a Suitable Name.

The colored man had tied his mule to a telegraph pole while he went into the feed store. When he came out he found the animal industriously gnawing a hole in the wood, according to the Washington Star.

"Why don't you feed your mule?" a bystander inquired.

"Feed 'um! Mistuh, I gibs dat mule five meals er day, an' dat's three mor'n' what I gits. He's wus'n' er goat. Scrap iron don't stop 'im no mo'n' ez it 'twus short'nin' bread."

"He must have a remarkable digestion."

"De only t'ing dat makes dat amiable er mule is an accident of birth. Ef he'd happened ter hab two laigs 'stid o' four he'd be en er ostrich."

While the hitching strap was being untied the mule became restless and his owner cried:

"Whoa, dar, Sulphuric Acid!"

"What's that you call him?"

"Sulphuric Acid. His name useter be Julius Caesar."

"How did you happen to change it?"

"Wal, sub, I didn't name 'im Julius Caesar in de fus' place, an' I nebber did tink dat wif er lop-eared, no-count mule dat name made sense. So I kep' mule ears open fer scumpin' mo' 'proprate. I was wu'kin' foh er drug stoh man, an' one day when I dore broke er big demijohn I hyubd 'im say dat sulphuric acid am de eatin' t'ing dat is. I didn't look no furdur, but I went home an' bel' er christenin' den an' dar'."

HAS CANCER ITS MICROBE?

An Interesting Discovery Which May Mean Much.

A highly-interesting discovery, which will, perhaps, afford a clew to the cause of cancer, has been made in Prof. von Leyden's university hospital here, says a Berlin letter to the London Standard. A young woman of 22 and a man of 63, both suffering from dropsy and cancer of the stomach, were brought to the hospital last spring. In order to remove the accumulated fluid tapping was resorted to in both cases. The fluid was examined under the microscope and hitherto unknown living organisms, belonging probably to the protozoa, were discovered.

Prof. Waldeyer, to whom the preparations were submitted, advised that they should be sent to Dr. Schaudinn, assistant at the Zoological institute of the Berlin university, who has been investigating the protozoa for years past. He began his examination on July 19 and ascertained that in both cases the fluid contained a rhizopod, which he named Leydenia gemmipara schaudinn. He inferred that it is a pathogenic organism, but both he and Prof. von Leyden still abstain from deciding as to the connection between it and cancer, though they admit the possibility of such a connection. They have made a preliminary communication on the subject to the Berlin Academy of Sciences.

Sat on Eggs.

Offenders of high rank at the Russian court were punished in a singular way by Peter the Great. It was the duty of everybody else at court to consider and treat the delinquent as a fool. When Anne, the daughter of Peter's elder brother, Ivan, came to the throne she originated an even queerer form of punishment. She decreed that a certain prince should become a hen, and for this purpose she had made a large basket, stuffed with straw, and hollowed into a nest, with a quantity of eggs in it. This was placed in a conspicuous place in the queen's palace, and there, under pain of death, the unfortunate prince was obliged to set day after day, imitating the cackling of the fowl he was supposed to represent.

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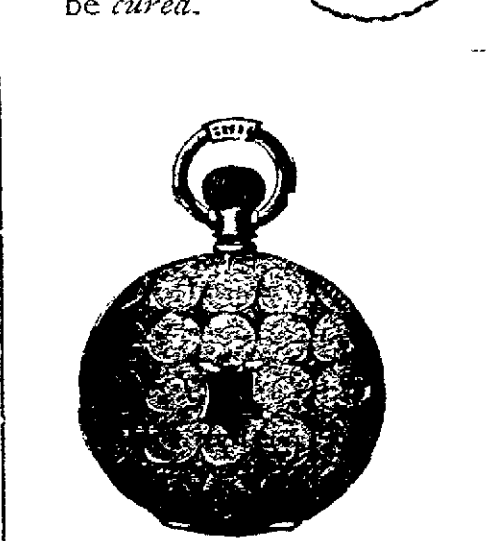
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THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1896.

The Prohibitionists made such a poor showing in this State at the last election that they have lost the right to a column on the official ballot.

Government by commission seems to be in favor with Mark Hanna. He suggests the reference of the currency question to a commission composed of the "greatest and best men in the country." A more effective way of doing nothing to improve our currency system could not be devised. The commission would listen to all sorts of theories, and would not doubt prepare a very profound report, bristling with wise recommendations, and nothing more would come of it, for there never yet was a Congress that was willing to accept the conclusions and recommendations of an outside body. It would look too much like an admission that Congress does not know it all.

When the Raines liquor law was pending in the Legislature the chief criticism against it was that it would create a gigantic political machine which could be used to oppress the liquor trade and annex it to the Republican party and make it practically its slave. This has not happened yet, but the law has developed so many unexpected defects and weaknesses that even its originator is not proud of its handiwork. Aside from the glaring defect of putting a premium on "fake" hotels by allowing them the privilege of selling at all times to alleged guests, the chief trouble with the law is that it provides penalties which are so severe that courts and juries, which are no stronger than public sentiment, will not enforce them. The effect is demoralizing in the extreme, for unpunished violations of any law tend to bring all laws into disrepute.

OBITUARY.

Helen Fullerton Redfield.

Mrs. Helen F. Redfield, widow of the late David G. Redfield, died Wednesday afternoon, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Augustus Owens, near Goshen, where she was visiting. On Tuesday of last week, Mrs. Redfield made a mistake while crossing a room and fell heavily, breaking one of her hips. Her health had not been good since a stroke of paralysis followed an attack of grip, two years ago, and on Monday she suffered another paralytic stroke and sank steadily until the end came.

Mrs. Redfield was a daughter of the late Daniel Fullerton, who was a brother of ex-Judge William Fullerton and ex-Judge S. W. Fullerton. She was married Dec. 28th, 1854, to David G. Redfield, who died in 1890. She is survived by two daughters, Alice, wife of Charles S. Knapp, of Oneida, with whom she made her home, and Emma, wife of Augustus Owens, another daughter, Eva W., wife of William A. Vail, of this city, died in 1884.

Mrs. Redfield is survived by a son, Mary L., wife of William Johnston, of Hinsdale, Ill., and by the following brothers and sisters: Anne, wife of Col. Charles A. Wells, of Pompton Lake, N. J.; Ogden Fullerton, of New York city; Daniel Fullerton, of Goshen, N. H.; wife of Jacob B. Crosby, and Hattie E., wife of Robert H. Dolson, of this city; Millie, wife of George W. Hendrickson, of Newburgh; and Julia B., wife of Fred M. Heath, of Potsdam, N. Y.

The funeral will be from Mrs. Owens' residence, Friday afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Charissa M. Phillips.

From our Westboro Correspondent.

Charissa M., widow of the late Charles W. Phillips, the well known merchant of this village, died early Sunday morning, Dec. 6th, of pneumonia at her late residence, aged seventy-three years, eleven months, seventeen days. She had been feeble body and mind for several years. She is survived by one son and four daughters: Charles E., of Albany; Mary, wife of G. W. O'Leary, of West Northville; Lucy, wife of Dr. W. H. Edsall, of Highland Falls, N. Y.; Sarah, wife of Will Smith, of Livingston Manor; and Harriet, wife of Chester A. Stanton, with whom she lived.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m., Tuesday, from her home, and the interment was in Sylvan Cemetery.

Julia Barnhart.

Miss Julia Barnhart, formerly employed as stenographer by the Skidmore Mercantile Company, in this city, died at Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, Sunday, aged about twenty-six years.

During her residence in this city Miss Barnhart won many friends, by whom she was highly esteemed. After leaving this city Miss Barnhart obtained employment with the American Lithograph Company, at 203 Broadway, New York, and her death was caused by a fall sustained at that place a short time ago.

The funeral was held yesterday, at the M. E. Church in Cold Spring, of which she was a member, and was largely attended. Mrs. J. H. Wood, Miss Lillian MacLean and Miss Emma Walker, of this city, attended the funeral.

Miss Barnhart is survived by her parents and one sister who reside at Cold Springs.

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LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

THE BICYCLE RACE.

All Previous Records Beaten—The Scores at Noon, To-day.

BY UNITED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The scores at noon in the bicycle race were as follows: Hale, 1,210; Forster, 1,167; Rice, 1,145; Schock, 1,129; Reading, 1,128; Moore, 1,115; Taylor, 1,117; Pierce, 1,111; Smith, 1,111; Maddox, 1,040; Ashberg, 1,013; Cassidy, 1,002; Gannon, 1,002; Glick, 903; McLeod, 805. The previous record was 1,081.

The scores of the six leaders, at 3 o'clock, were: Hale, 1,234; Forster, 1,176; Rice, 1,161; Schock, 1,134; Reading, 1,145; Taylor, 1,132.

THREE BURGLARIES LAST NIGHT

The Residences of W. H. Rogers, C. L. Merritt and F. J. Lindsey Entered—Frightened Away from Two Houses Before Securing Any Plunder—Annoying Callers at Ed. Tompkins' and L. S. Stivers'.

Three residences in this city, those of William H. Rogers, Charles L. Merritt and Frank J. Lindsey, were entered by burglars, last night. The only booty secured was a silver watch and a child's bank containing a few pennies, which were taken from the apartments of Fred Osborn in the Lindsey house. From both the other houses the burglars were frightened away before they had fairly got at work and before they had been able to find anything that they thought worth stealing.

At Mr. Rogers' entrance was effected by prying open one of the sitting room windows, which opens on the front piazza. The burglars opened a drawer in a desk in the sitting room, and passing through into the dining room, opened the drawers of the buffet and had begun to overhaul their contents, when the dog barked and raised such a commotion that they fled, closing the window behind them to prevent the dog's following them. Mr. Rogers and his sons were quickly down stairs, but after satisfying themselves that nothing had been stolen, made up their minds that a burglar hunt about town was useless and went back to bed.

At Mr. Merritt's it is not exactly certain how entrance was effected. The first that any one knew that burglars had been in the house was when the maid found the kitchen door open when she came down stairs this morning. The appearance of the dining room and pantry showed that the thieves had begun a hunt for plunder, and a swinging door between the pantry and the kitchen had been braced open to afford an easy exit in case of necessity. Nothing has been missed. It is supposed they were frightened away by a member of the family who was restless because of a cold and a troublesome cough.

At Mr. Lindsey's entrance was effected through a window and nothing was known of the intruders' visit until this morning.

It is supposed that the burglars were the work of two men, who were seen about town, last night, and who called at Ed. Tompkins' during the evening and nearly frightened the maid, who answered their knock, into hysterics. They represented themselves as coachmen out of a job and asked many questions as to where wealthy people lived, whether up or down the street, etc. It was fully ten minutes before the girl got rid of them. She has given the police a good description of the man who interviewed her and who, while talking to her, using his eyes for they were worth in taking in all he could see of the house.

When Mr. Rogers went home, about 9 o'clock, he saw a strange man loitering near his house and acting so suspiciously that he watched him for some time. A tramp went to L. S. Stivers' house, yesterday afternoon, and entering the vestibule, closed the outer door. When the inner door was opened he put his foot over the sill so that the door could not be closed, and then demanded money. He said he was a railroad man, and would not go till he got money. As the easiest way of getting rid of him, he was given a little money. It may or may not have been one of the midnight prowlers.

The police have been working on the burglaries to-day but have accomplished nothing.

Cottage Prayer Meetings.

Three cottage prayer meetings, under the auspices of the Congregational Church, will be held to-morrow evening, as follows: At the residence of Mrs. George L. Everson, 150 East Main street; Anna Morehouse, 173 North street; G. H. Black, 5 Bonnell street.

Sudden Death.

Theodore J. Wilkin, a well known resident of Hamptonburgh, was stricken with apoplexy while eating his breakfast, Tuesday morning. He never recovered consciousness and died during the afternoon. Mr. Wilkin was a bachelor. His age was seventy-four years.

The funeral was held from his late residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

The December issue of the *Railroad Employee* contains an excellent portrait of Joseph H. Quackenbush, the veteran engineer, who has served the Sussex R. R. forty-three years.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. W. D. Olney.

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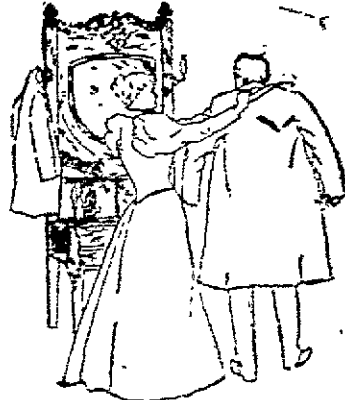
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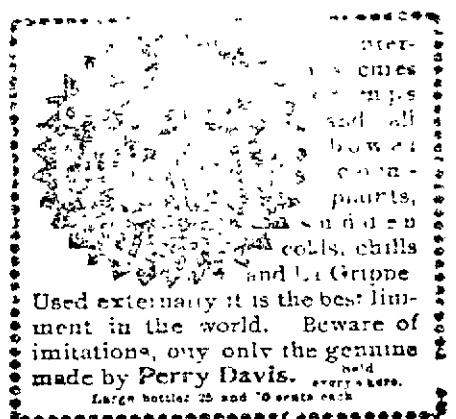
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A refined complexion must use Pozzoni's Powder. It produces a soft and beautiful skin.

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Jammin and Florida Oranges, New Lemons, Concord, Catawba and Malaga Grapes, Rich Raisins, Splendid Table Bananas, Cape Cod Cranberries, Cauliflower, Green and Wax Beans, Cucumbers, Spinach, Sweet Potatoes, Splendid White Onions, White and Red Cabbage, Edam, Pineapple, Sweet Meadow, Noreway and Neufchatel Cheese, Richardson & Robinson's Plum Pudding, Russian Marmalade, Splendid Celery

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Malt Extract 25 cents, 5 Bottles for one dollar, our own label (made for us) and warranted equal to any.

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Remember, this weather roughens the hands. Remember, McMonagle & Rogers' Orange Flower Balm keeps them smooth and white—nothing else equals it. 25 cents.

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"Onyx" White Enamel Paint for home decorating. This is probably the best of its kind. A good liberal can for 25 cents.

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If careful selections of the newest and best novelties in Christmas gifts, and a uniform scale of low prices will be an inducement to holiday shoppers, then one and all should pay us a visit before they buy. We have taken great pains to provide desirable selections for all kinds of people, and have been equally careful to make the prices right.

7 West Main Street, Middletown.

Fancher's

DAILY ARGUS.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1896.

OPEN EVENINGS.
THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF THE "ARGUS" IS OPEN EVENINGS FROM SEVEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. —Fair, to-night; increasing cloudiness, Friday; continued warm, westerly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the reading of the thermometer at Front's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 44°; 12 m., 50°; 3 p. m., 53°.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.
—Dec. 8-12—Fair by employees of O. and W. at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 10—Exhibition of the Animotscope, at First Congregational Church.
—Dec. 11—Concert at First Presbyterian Church.
—Dec. 11—M. C. A. entertainment, Ariel-Grille Combination, at Casino.
—Dec. 21, 22—"The Mikado," at the Casino.
—Dec. 24—Masquerade ball of Umpqua Lodge, at Assembly Rooms.
—Jan. 1—Masquerade ball, at Casino.
—Jan. 1, 15—Bachelor Club hops.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
—Take advantage of the reductions at Badwig & Co.
—See legal notices.
—Yellow Kid at the Casino, Saturday evening.
—McMonagle & Rogers' extracts.
—Sachet powders at Olney's pharmacy.
—Cows.
—Holiday goods at J. B. Swalm's.
—Taylor's klenzer at J. E. Mills.
—Examine Carson & Towser's holiday goods.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—"The Yellow Kid."
—Animotscope and phonograph, to-night.

—Go to the First Congregational Church, to-night.

—"The Yellow Kid" of Hogan's Alley, at the Casino, Saturday night.

—A dramatization of the world's "Yellow Kid," at the Casino, Saturday night.

—A special meeting of McQuoid Engine Co., will be held to-night, at 7:30, to take action on the death of James Mahon.

—A full rehearsal of the Mikado, will be held at Excelsior's truck house, Saturday night.

—Notice: the programme in another column of the animotscope and phonograph exhibition, to-night. It is certainly a fine one.

—Popular prices at the animotscope exhibition—gallery 25 cents, 35 cents down stairs, including reserved seat without extra charge. 8d5t.

—The Traati in Company will have cars waiting at the close of the concert, at the First Presbyterian Church, Friday evening, going in all directions.

—The many friends of Miss Lillian J. Cox will have an opportunity of hearing her in recitation at concert at First Presbyterian Church, Friday evening, Dec. 11.

—The fine Mehlin grand piano to be used at the concert at the First Presbyterian Church, Dec. 11, is furnished by Prof. Munn, of the Munn music store. Tickets on sale at Prunk's drug store. Admission fifty cents.

—The animotscope is a perfected idea of Edison's by which instantaneous photographs taken of actual scenes are thrown on an immense screen so rapidly that the eye cannot detect the change and the audience is apparently watching the living, life-sized figures in motion. It is the marvel of the nineteenth century. At the First Congregational Church, next Thursday night. did

PERSONAL.

—Charles H. Watts has been for the seventh time elected chief of the Norwich fire department.

—Miss Ella Fisher, of Middletown, N. Y., is visiting friends and relatives in Matamoras.—Port Jervis Gazette.

—Mrs. Caroline Pagnin, of Chester, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. James E. Conklin.

—Mrs. Chas. Conklin, of Monroe, is in town, to-day, visiting her brother-in-law, James E. Conklin, of No. 92 Sprague avenue.

—Mrs. Ella K. Irwin, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting friends, in this city, for the past ten days, returned home, this morning.

—Sidney's Chief of Police was caught a few nights ago, by a D. and H. detective shoveling coal from a car into a bushel basket. He was locked up and fined \$3.

We know of but one community in the world where dyspepsia is practically unknown, and that is the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, N. Y. These good people have been studying the subject of digestion for more than a hundred years, and that they understand it pretty thoroughly, is evidenced in the foregoing fact. Their Digestive Cordial is the safest and best remedy in cases of indigestion that we know of. A trial bottle can be had through your druggists for the trifling sum of 10 cents.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial supplies the system with food already digested, and at the same time aids the digestion of other foods. It will almost instantly relieve the ordinary symptoms of indigestion, and no sufferer need be told what these are.

LAXOL is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Children's Laxative.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever, Itch, Blisters, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents a box. For sale by McMonagle & Rogers.

A \$10,000 LIBEL SUIT.

Mrs. T. A. Niven's Action Against C. V. R. Ludington—An Outgrowth of Monticello's Soldiers' Monument Feud.

The trial of Mrs. Thornton A. Niven's suit against C. V. R. Ludington, to recover \$10,000 for alleged libel, was begun in the Supreme Court at Monticello, Tuesday, and is attracting more attention than any suit that has been tried in the county in several years. The suit is an outgrowth of the soldiers' monument feud, which has divided Monticello into hostile factions.

In 1893, Mr. Ludington published in the Monticello Republican a series of articles, in which he accused Mrs. Niven of having borrowed or stolen Mrs. J. M. Ostrom's ideas regarding the organization of a soldiers' monument association, and of having concealed the facts concerning the receipts and expenditures of a certain concert given in aid of the monument fund. The articles contained other accusations, allegations and innuendoes, which Mrs. Niven alleges were calculated to bring her into disrepute.

The lawyers in the case are George H. Carpenter and Hon. T. A. Niven for plaintiff and R. R. Jelliff and T. F. Bush for defendant.

Mrs. Niven was the first witness and she testified at length concerning the organization of the monument association and its subsequent disruption. Her testimony showed that the charges made by Mr. Ludington were overdrawn or untrue and consequently libelous. Her testimony was not concluded until Wednesday.

Charles W. Heath testified that Mr. Ludington had said to him that "the Nivens had been going for him and now he was going for them." This testimony was intended to show malice.

The first witness for the defendant was George W. Decker, whose testimony was unimportant.

The next witness was Mrs. M. C. Darvee, who gave some testimony regarding a meeting of the monument society at Mrs. Niven's house, at which meeting Mr. Niven was present. She candidly admitted that she was not very well pleased with Mr. Niven's presence.

Mrs. Drusilla Thornton, secretary of the incorporated association, testified to the adoption of several resolutions by the original association which it is alleged Mrs. Niven ignored.

Likely to Be a New York Policeman.

J. Kirby Carpenter, clerk in W. H. Foster's grocery store, having successfully passed the physical and mental examinations for appointment on the New York police force, has received notice to report in New York, Saturday, for an examination in athletics. If Mr. Carpenter is successful, Saturday, he will doubtless receive an appointment at an early day.

Geo. W. Madison Again in Trouble.

George W. Madison, a one-armed man who resided for a time in this city, and with whom the police had business on one or two occasions, has been arrested in Wayne county, Pa., charged with stealing a top b ggy from Daniel H. Warner, proprietor of the Delaware Valley Farm House, near Barryville, Sullivan county.

HYMENEAL.

Mulford-Dwyer.

At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, James G. Mulford, a popular carpenter on this city, and Miss Cecil Dwyer, of Montgomery, were joined in holy wedlock by the Rev. Father O'Hanlon, at St. Joseph's rectory. Miss Annie Dwyer, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and George Lorenz, a popular employee of the O. and W. shops, was best man. The bride wore a pretty costume of white silk mousseline de soie with pearl bead trimmings, and carried a beautiful cluster of bridal roses.

A reception followed at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Louis Backey, on Highland avenue. A fine display of presents signified the esteem in which the bridal couple are held.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulford will begin house-keeping in their attractively furnished home, 43 Sprague avenue.

Harrat-Parsons.

A pleasant company assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Taylor, near Eight-and-a-Half station, yesterday afternoon, to witness the marriage of Mrs. Taylor's sister, Miss Amanda Gertrude Parsons, and Robert Adrian Harrat.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Gordon, of the First Presbyterian Church, in the presence of only the relatives and most intimate friends of the contracting parties. The bridal couple were unattended.

The bride was becomingly attired in a travelling dress of dark green broadcloth, trimmed with mink fur. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

After the ceremony and congratulations the company partook of an excellent wedding supper, prepared by caterer Rowley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrat took train 2, on the Ontario and Western, for New York. They will visit various points of interest before they return, about January 1st, when they will take up their residence at Mr. Harrat's fine home, at Breezy Point.

The ARGUS joins with their many friends in extending heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harrat.

The Modern Mother.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

SUCCESSFUL BEYOND EXPECTATION

Very Large Attendance at the O. and W. Relief and Benefit Association's Fair—The Lucky Ones in Last Night's Drawings—To-night's Fine Programme

There was a very large attendance at the Assembly Rooms, last evening, and the managers of the Ontario and Western Relief and Benefit Association's fair are highly gratified at the successful outcome of the second evening. The following programme was presented:

Overture.....Solon Musical Club Solo.....Thos. Gilen
Society.....Wm. Curran
Whistling solo.....Miss Arthur
Duet.....Misses Tyler and Kiffin
Tableaux.....

Representing blacksmiths, carpenters and painters, James Gilen, R. M. Curran, Jr.

A number of valuable and useful articles were drawn, last evening, as follows: Rug, donated by Churchill & Co., drawn by Mrs. M. Hurley; tidy, donated by Morris McMickle, drawn by James Quin; case tomatoes, donated by J. D. Arthur, drawn by Geo. B. Beyer; ton coal, donated by Gordon & Horton, drawn by W. Wolf; cane, donated by S. Liptold, drawn by Wm. Boos; case of corn, donated by Mrs. Smith, drawn by Mrs. Crippen; fancy pin cushion, donated by Mrs. Anna Hynes, drawn by Mrs. M. D. Graham. Samuel Oldroyd, who held the "unlucky" thirteen, drew the trousers pattern, donated by Wolf & Kloba.

The total receipts, last evening, was \$143.84.

Among the articles to be drawn, this evening, are a valuable diamond pin, donated by F. D. Kernochan; a live pig, vegetables, tea, etc.

James Martin has donated a large iron post, to be drawn for during the week. Badwig & Co., a valuable seal-skin cap. Other donations are:

McMonagle & Rogers, dozen bottles opera cologne; J. J. Chambers, bottle cologne; Phillips & Kingsland, ham; G. W. Clark, ham; E. H. Burch, pair of trousers; Cole & Wilson, ham; Williamson Brothers, one pig; W. F. Royce, ton of coal; Middletown Beef Co., two hams; R. H. Ayres, box toilet soap; I. B. A. Taylor, half ton coal; J. B. Swalm, lamp; W. W. Harford, barrel of apples; W. Schwartz, pair of chickens; C. N. Pedmore, case of corn; Tepe & Heineman, shaving cup and brush; C. H. Emde, trousers pattern; E. Tennant Paint Co., five gallons paint; Wm. Karz, turkey; John Donovan, rug; O. S. Riter, barrel of apples; Evi Adams, cap and brush; D. A. Ketcham, ton of coal; M. Henderson, wash boiler; Batsford, barrel of apples; Ready Pay Store, half barrel of flower; John McCune, 25 head cabbage; Ira M. Corwin, half ton of coal; Andrew Brown, one ham; Charles Schnupp, one ham; Thomas Donovan, ton coal; J. D. Lea, box cigars; Joe Galvin, box soft drinks; Hugh Cafferty, ham; J. A. Wallace, half ton coal; A. J. Hornbeck, pipe.

The use of a cabinet of stereoscopic views has been donated by Aug. Pfaff, also the use of music boxes, by Jacob Gauthier and John Farrell.

Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake and soft drinks are served during the evening.

The following programme will be presented, this evening, under the direction of Edward Mills: accompanist, James Holloway:

Quartette and Chorus—"Don't forget the old folks"; Z. K. Green.
Chorus—"Mark the Merry Elves" (The Fairies); Solo—"Queen of the Earth"; (The Fairies); Solo—"The Old Oaken Bucket"; Messrs. Gilen, Green, Mills and Stack.
Quartette—"Believe me, of all those endearing charms"; Messrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Eaton, Messrs. Green and Mills.
Chorus—"O who will o'er the downs so fair"; R. L. de Poursall.
Solo—"Selected"; Miss Susie Armstrong.
Quartette—"Last Landmark"; Messrs. Green, Mills, Gilen and Stack.
Solo—"T. Gilen.
Chorus—"The stars that above us are shining"; Solo—"Life's Merry Morning"; (The Fairies); Mrs. Wm. Remson and Mrs. W. T. Eaton.
Trio—"Sleep, Gentle Lady"; H. R. Bishop.
Mrs. Remson, Mrs. Eaton and Edward Mills.

The New Year's Masquerade.

Manager Geo. Lea, of the Madison House, says his masquerade ball at the Casino, New Year's night, will far surpass anything of the kind ever attempted in Middletown. As Mr. Lea claims to be the oldest theatrical manager in the United States, he ought to know how to arrange for a very successful event of this kind. Many of the prizes to be awarded can be seen in our merchants' windows.

Where Coal Is Stolen by Wholesale.

Two young men arrested for stealing coal from Erie cars in Newburgh, were sentenced, yesterday, to thirty days each in the county jail. The complaint was made by the Erie freight agent who said that the company was responsible for the loss of about fifty tons of coal stolen from its cars in Newburgh during the past two months.

Dr. Miles' Nerve Plasters for Rheumatism.

Highest of all in Leavening Strength.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN.

Minstrels to Visit Warwick—Reserve Water Found Pure and Wholesome—Entertained the Ladies' Whist Club—Special Christmas Services.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The Goshen colored minstrels will give an entertainment at Warwick, Friday evening, Saturday, they will appear at Chester.

—Prof. C. F. Chandler, the New York chemist, who made the analysis of the Prospect Lake water, has rendered his report. He says the water is naturally pure and free from deleterious matter, but that it is at present a little turbid. This is because the interior of the reservoir was being cleaned when the water was taken from it.

—Tickets for the "Messiah" are on sale at C. E. Millspaugh's.

—Mrs. George Grier entertained the Ladies' Whist Club, yesterday afternoon.

—Special Christmas services will be held in the M. E. Church, Sunday evening, Dec. 20th.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pendleton Honor the Anniversary of Their Marriage.

A very pleasing and an entire surprise was given to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pendleton at their pleasant home on Houston avenue, last evening. The occasion was their twenty-seventh wedding anniversary. This fact had been disclosed to an intimate friend by chance several weeks previous, and from this information the happy event was planned and most successfully executed.

Mr. Pendleton and family were invited out to tea, and on their return, about nine o'clock, found nearly fifty guests, friends and neighbors, assembled to welcome them. Soon Mr. S. S. Decker arose, and in a happy vein made remarks befitting the occasion, and then in behalf of the company presented a beautiful tea-set. Mr. Pendleton responded in a brief but appreciative manner.

Elegant refreshments were served, and at the end of the hour the company dispersed, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton many happy returns of their anniversary.

A MOST UNNATURAL SON.

Beats His Aged Mother, Drags Her About the House, and Breaks Her Thigh.

Peter Bohan, of Port Jervis, was held in \$500 bail, yesterday, on a charge of assault preferred by his mother, Bridget Bohan, who is ninety-six years old. The assault was committed Nov. 11th, and Mrs. Bohan alleges that he beat her and dragged her about the house, breaking her thigh. Her physician says that, owing to her great age, the bone will not knit, and that the injury will probably shorten her life.

A "Mystery Tea" Seizable.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church, will hold a social at the home of the pastor, Rev. J. L. Wilson, No. 55 West Main Street, Friday evening of this week. An interesting programme has been prepared and a "Mystery Tea" will be served. It is hoped a large number of the members and friends of the church will attend. Admission 10 cents.

The Success of "The Mikado" Assured.

The progress made by those who are to participate in the production of "The Mikado" at the Casino, December 21 and 22, is highly gratifying to all concerned. Chas. T. Payne, under whose direction the opera is to be given, has demonstrated his ability as an instructor, and the performance promises to be the best ever given in this city by amateur talent.

Be Sure Your are Right

And then go ahead. If your blood is impure, your appetite failing, your nerves weak, you may be sure that Hood's Sarsaparilla is what you need. Then take no substitute. Insist upon Hood's and only Hood's. This is the medicine which has the largest sale in the world. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier.

HOOD'S PILLS are prompt, efficient, always reliable, easy to take, easy to operate.

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THE MOST IMPORTANT SALE OF THE YEAR.

Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Etc.,

at less than wholesale prices. This is no ordinary Cloak Sale. \$2 to \$7.50 saved on every garment.

We include in this sale all novelties in Dress Goods from 50c yard to \$1.25 yard. All at regular or mark down prices with linings free.

Such as 7 yd Cambric, 1½ Canvases and 1½ Silesia, all good linings and free with each and every Dress Pattern from 50c yd up.

This liberal offer is to stimulate the dress goods business in high grade novelties.

Here are a few prices as we are now selling the high grade dress goods. 42 in Scotch effects at 50c yd; 50 in Canvas effects at 75c yd, worth 89c yd. 50 in two toned Covert Cloth at 75c, worth 89c yd.

All \$1.50 Scotch Novelties at \$1.25 yd and linings free.

Also we will sell during this sale. Blue and white check Gingham at 3½c yd; Shirting Cambric at 3½c yd; 36 in Unbleached Sheetting at 4½c yd; 3 eight cent Cotton Batts for 19c; 3 ten cent balls yarn for 19c; 15c Wall Paper with border to match at 5c double roll; 18 in border at 3 and 3½c yd.

Call To-day.

To-morrow may be too late to secure the best.

See our display of Holiday Goods, Silk Umbrellas and Handkerchiefs.

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Sachet Powders!

All the best colors, by the package or ounce, new and fresh for the Holidays.

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FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

The exact spot to get them is at the "Bee Hive." EVERYTHING SUBSTANTIAL—No Trash. HAND-PAINTED WARE, Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Dress Goods, Feather Boas, Fur Scarfs, Capes, Jackets, Worsted Goods, Hosiery, etc. USEFUL PRESENTS our aim. Extraordinary values.

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No one can afford to buy a Cape or Jacket without looking our stock over. CHILDREN'S COATS have been given a big cut. Don't forget it.

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